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The Washington Post begins publication on Page E1 today of a 14-part series of excerpts from "The Penkovsky Papers," a document written by a high Russian intelligence official who was "our man in the Kremlin," spying for the West during critical months in 1961 and 1962 when the Cold War almost became hot.

The papers were smuggled to the West two years ago and are being published in book form by Doubleday & Co., Inc., with introductory material by Frank Gibney, a foreign correspondent who has specialized in reporting about Iron Curtain countries.

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